

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article I-3: The Union's objectives

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Article I-3: The Union's objectives

Paragraph 3.

The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, with a social market economy aiming at full employment and social progress.

It shall aim at a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment. It shall promote scientific and technological advance.

It shall promote a high level of consumer protection

It shall combat social exclusion and shall promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of children's rights.

It shall promote economic, social and territorial cohesion, and solidarity among Member States.

The Union shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced.

Explanation (if any) :

A high level of consumer protection should be an integral part of an internal market with free and undistorted competition. Consumer policy is included in the current Treaty, but we need to ensure that high level of consumer protection is one of our main goals.